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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 APPROVES REPORT ON TRUST
TERRITORY

1. THE COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) COMPLETED ACTION ON THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (TTPI) AUG 14 WITH APPROVAL OF THE REVISED REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES (A/AC.109/L.1247/REV.1). PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY CONSENSUS, STATEMENTS CRITICIZING THE US AS THE ADMINISTERING POWER WERE MADE BY SOVIET UNION, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BULGARIA.

2. THE REPORT IS SIMILAR TO THOSE APPROVED IN PAST YEARS. IT REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY TO SELF-DETERMINATION INCLUDING INDEPENDENCE AND URGES NO DELAY IN SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. IT NOTES WITH REGRET THE REFUSAL OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE AND CALLS ON THE US TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE TERRITORY. THE REPORT NOTES THE STATEMENT OF AGREED PRINCIPLES FOR FREE ASSOCIATION FOR MICRONESIA APPROVED AT HILO ON APRIL 9, 1978 AND OF THE INTENTION OF THE US TO TERMINATE THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE TERRITORY BY 1981. IT EMPHASIZES THE COMMITTEE'S STRONG VIEW THAT THE UNITY OF THE TERRITORY SHOULD BE PRESERVED UNTIL IT EXERCISES ITS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

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3. SOVIET REP FOKINE CRITICIZED THE US FOR "ILLEGAL ACTIONS" WHICH HAVE LED TO "ANNEXATION AND DIVISION" OF THE TERRITORY AND ACCUSED THE US OF IGNORING LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND WILL OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE. HE ALLEGED THAT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY HAD WORSENERED AND THAT THE US HAD "GROSSLY FLAUNTED THE ELEMENTARY RIGHTS" OF MICRONESIANS IN CONNECTION WITH NUCLEAR TESTING CONDUCTED IN THE TERRITORY. THE US, HE SAID, WAS TRYING TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN ITS CONTROL IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD AND IN THIS WAY WAS THREATENING THE PEOPLES OF ASIA. FOKINE CLAIMED THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO TURN THE MARIANAS INTO A US TERRITORY AND SIMILAR ATTEMPTS WERE BEING MADE WITH REGARD TO THE CAROLINAS AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NOT BLOCK CONSENSUS APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT, ALTHOUGHT IT WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MORE SPECIFIC WORDING IN CERTAIN SECTIONS.

4. THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AND BULGARIAN REPS ECHOED MORE BRIEFLY THE CRITICISMS OF THE USSR WITH THE CZECH REP

SUGGESTING THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD CONDEMN THE ACTION
OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY. LEONARD

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